

## BAY OF ISLANDS HERRING NEWS

The herring fishery in Bay of Islands has been but partially conducted during the past week, owing to the boisterous weather conditions, which prevented the boats from tending their nets with anything like regularity.

In Middle Arm the fishery for several days has been a blank, and the three vessels there are anxious to get into North Arm.

Herring are fairly plentiful in North Arm, where there is a fleet of about 15 vessels. Some of them are well fished, while others have but recently arrived. All the herring taken lately have been frozen, and a number of vessels have loaded and are ready to sail first opportunity.

The fishery at Bonne Bay, which was almost a failure, is practically closed for this season, and the six vessels seeking cargoes there have come down to North Arm of Bay of Islands.

The s.s. Wren towed two vessels, the Agnes and Nobility, from Bonne Bay to Bay of Islands last week, and are now seeking herring cargoes in North Arm.

The schooner Aloha, Capt. Wallace Parsons, arrived at Woods Island on Saturday night. She has gone into North Arm for herring cargo. This is her second trip for this season.

The Lunenburg schooner Mary D. Young has about three parts of a cargo of frozen herring, and will likely finish this week.

The weather of late has been favorable for freezing herring, and all good fish are being secured by the vessels. Should herring continue plentiful, and weather conditions prove favorable, it is thought that the voyage will be pretty well over by the end of next week.—Western Star, Dec. 30.

### Slight Collision.

Sch. Teazer ran into the stern of sch. Benjamin A. Smith yesterday afternoon at the American Halibut Company's wharf, but no damage was done either vessel.

### Halibut Sale.

The halibut fare of sch. Teazer sold to the American Halibut Company for 17 1-4 cents per pound for white and 12 cents for gray.

### Porto Rico Fish Market.

San Juan, Porto Rico, Dec. 22—Codfish—We place the quotation of codfish at \$26 per cask of 448 lbs, at which limit, however, only a small retail business can be accomplished. Collected incident with the slack demand we have to report very heavy consignments, and the present position of our market is the natural result.

Pollock and Haddock—Stocks are deteriorating and sales all the way from \$15 to \$20 per drum are the order of the day.—S. Ramirez & Co.

# GULF ICE DRIVES HERRING FLEET

## Local Crafts Leaving Bay of Islands in a Hurry—Some Have Part Cargoes, While Others Are Not So Fortunate.

The herring season on the Newfoundland west coast, is practically over, as far as the local fleet is concerned, the treacherous Gulf ice, having made its appearance on the coast off Bay of Islands and the fleet is leaving for home, just as fast as they can get out of the Arms.

According to information received by the Times correspondent there are no herring at the Bay of Islands at the present time. Some of the vessels luckily have loaded, while others

have secured partial cargoes. Others, less fortunate have been unable to secure any, and some of these will go to Port aux Basques to try and load from shipments sent overland.

A succession of westerly and north-westerly gales that has swept the gulf the past week or so has driven the ice inshore. Every fisherman knows what this means and none are taking any chances of being caught inside, with the probabilities of being frozen in until spring.

At Bonne Bay, the month of December was the worst known in 30 years.

## WORST WEEK AT FULTON MARKET

The last week was without exception the worst that the market has known during the entire year. There was an over-supply of nearly every variety of fish. There was little business because there was no "fish day" and no value for any kind of fish. Commission men wanted to get high prices, but they had to take anything they could get, and the result was that sea trout sold at 4 to 8 cents a pound, according to size.

There were very few bluefish in the market, but that did not seem to interfere with business, as there was practically no call for that variety of fish. Bluefish sold at 10 to 12 cents a pound. The last time that New Year's fell on a Friday there was a very good business in the fish market. This year buyers did not seem to want anything but steamed clams, and there were very few of them to be had.

There were no large bluefish in the market. Medium blues were quoted at 12c to a shilling a pound, and small bluefish at 10c.

Codfish was very low in price during the entire week. The boats did not land much cod at the market. Still the overland supply was large. Market cod was quoted at 2 to 2 1-2c a lb. and steak cod at 4 to 6c.

There was no eastern white or gray halibut on the market. Western whitefish sold at 7c on Saturday, 8 to 9c on Monday and 8c during the remainder of the week.

Haddock was quoted at 4 to 6c, the high price prevailing during the early part of the week.

Hake sold at 3 to 4c.

## RECEIPTS LIGHT AT THE NEW PIER

Boston receipts were light today, there being seven fares in all in, one being the beam trawler Heroine.

Prices were down, wholesalers paying \$3.25 to \$3.75 a hundred pounds for shore haddock, \$3 to \$3.50 for large and \$2 for market cod, \$3 to \$5 for hake, \$2 to \$2.25 for pollock and \$2 to \$3 for cusk.

### Boston Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

Sch. Jeanette, 4000 haddock, 1800 cod, 2000 hake, 1000 cusk, 1200 pollock. Sch. Josie and Phoebe, 32,000 haddock, 16,000 cod, 5000 cusk.

Str. Heroine, 9000 haddock, 7500 cod. Sch. James and Esther, 4000 haddock, 5100 cod, 3000 hake, 2500 cusk.

Sch. Manomet, 5000 haddock, 1500 cod, 3000 hake.

Sch. Genesta, 3500 haddock, 1700 cod, 1000 hake, 1500 cusk.

Sch. Flavilla, 4000 haddock, 1800 cod, 2000 pollock.

Haddock, \$3.25 to \$3.75 per cwt., large cod, \$3 to \$3.50; market cod, \$2; hake, \$3 to \$5; pollock, \$2 to \$2.25; cusk, \$2.

### FISH FROZEN IN ICE.

Capt. W. O. Wortmann, of the steamer Spottsville, plying between Evansville, Ind., and Spottsville, Ky., reports that during the last few days many fishermen have reported finding fish frozen in the ice, and that in almost every case the fish caught in the ice were found alive when the ice was melted.

## SCH. INGOMAR IN HERE TODAY

Sch. Ingomar, Capt. Horace Wyde, arrived here shortly before noon today, her haul being for 1000 pounds fresh fish.

Yesterday's landings of the fishers showed a falling off from the previous one, about 30,000 pounds brought in.

### Today's Arrivals and Receipts

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

Sch. Ingomar, Brown's Bank, 1000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Ethel, gill netting, 2000 lbs. fish.

Str. Sawyer, gill netting, 2500 fresh fish.

Str. Evelyn H., gill netting, 2000 fresh fish.

Str. Mary F. Ruth, gill netting, 1000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Julia May, gill netting, 2000 fresh fish.

Sch. Alice, shore.

Sch. Adeline, shore.

Sch. Russell, shore.

Sch. Mary F. Sears, shore.

Sch. Harriett, shore.

Sch. Edith Silveira, shore.

Sch. Mary P. Goulart, shore.

Sch. Ethel B. Penny, shore.

Sch. Mary DeCosta, shore.

Sch. Jeanette, shore.

Sch. Jorgina, shore.

### TODAY'S FISH MARKET.

#### Salt Fish.

Handline Georges codfish, large per cwt.; medium, \$4.25; snappers, \$4.25; Georges halibut codfish, large medium, \$4.25.

Eastern halibut codfish, large, medium, \$4; snappers, \$3.

Cusk, large, \$3; medium, \$2; pers, \$1.50.

Hake, \$1.80.

Haddock, \$1.75.

Pollock, \$1.75.

Newfoundland herring, \$3.25 bbl. for salt bulk. \$4.25 per lb. pickled.

#### Fresh Fish.

Splitting prices:

Haddock, \$1.10 per cwt.

Western cod, large, \$2.50; medium, \$2.10; snappers, 75c.

Eastern cod, large, \$2.25; medium, \$1.95; snappers, 75c.

All codfish, not gilled, 10c per pounds less than above.

Hake, \$1.40.

Cusk, large, \$1.80; medium, snappers, 50c.

Pollock, round, 80c; dressed, 85c.

Fresh halibut, 17c for white for gray.

Newfoundland frozen herring, 1b.

#### Big Cargoes.

The Norwegian sch. Ellen le ring Neck, Newfoundland, with quintals cod recently, with G as her destination.

Sch. Wilfred M., Capt. Par recently for Bahia, taking 200 and 4056 halves containing 4 quintals codfish, shipped by A. & Sons.



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**SH BUREAU  
CHOSE OFFICERS**

Members of the Boston Fish Bureau yesterday observed the fortieth anniversary of the organization with a luncheon in the administration building on the new fish pier in South Boston.

Lehman Pickert, who was present at the first meeting of the bureau, was one of the speakers. He said that Boston capital is interested in a fish pier which is to be established on the coast of North or South Carolina, and in this connection reminded those present of the possibilities of extending the fish business of Boston. In the South, he said, sixty per cent of the fish caught is frozen for shipment to distant points, whereas in Boston only a comparatively small proportion of the catch is so treated.

The annual meeting of the bureau was held after the luncheon and these officers were elected: George E. Willey, president; John Burns, Jr., vice president; Lewis H. Lee, treasurer and F. P. Dimick, secretary.

Capt. Henry M. Atwood and William F. Moore of this city attended the meeting.

**Steamer to Fogo.**

The steamer Sagona sailed from St. John's last week for the purpose of cutting out four vessels laden with fish, shipped by Earle's firm at Fogo and Change Islands for conveyance to Hickman's firm in this city, who has purchased all this fish and proposes to ship it to Brazil where the market at present is said to be better than ever in the history of the trade. Mercantile fish now being worth 2 pound, 10. sterling per quintal and a demand for 25,000 qtls. In sight which can only be partly filled with the visible supply of right quantity of fish in this colony. So important is it, it is said, for these vessels to be cut out, that Crosbie's firm is being paid \$250 a day for the Sagona, which is undertaking to free them; and it is hoped in the interests of all concerned that she may be successful.—St. John's, N. E., paper.

**SCH. GEORGIA IS  
HOME FROM SOUTH**

Sch. Georgia, Capt. John G. Streams, which left here November 7 to engage in the southern snapper fishery returned home during Tuesday night, having found that branch of the fishery unprofitable.

The Georgia was under contract it is understood to supply one of the firms at Gulfport, Miss., but when Capt. Stream landed his first catch, he was unable to secure the price agreed to. After sizing up the situation and looking over conditions, Capt. Stream could figure but little profit in the venture and decided to come home.

The Georgia will later resume halibut again, in which branch of the fishery, she has been quite successful.

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**HAD GOOD WEEK  
AT PENSACOLA**

The week ending December 27 was a fairly good one for the fishing companies and the fishing crafts, for while no exceedingly large catches were made, they were, on an average, very good for this time of the year, the total catch being 230,599 pounds, of which 190,514 pounds were red snapper and 40,085 pounds grouper. Fifteen vessels in all came into port, the average catch of red snapper and grouper being 15,393 pounds. The average catch of red snapper was 12,700 pounds, while that of grouper was 2,863 pounds. The largest single trip was 28,220 pounds, of which 21,160 pounds were red snapper and 7,060 pounds grouper. The smallest single trip was 6,660 pounds, of which 5,635 pounds were red snapper, and 1,025 pounds grouper.

Of the 15 vessels that arrived nine came to E. E. Saunders & Co., the total weight of fish to that company being 126,154 pounds, of which 108,989 pounds were red snapper, and 17,165 pounds grouper. The largest single fare of a Saunders vessel was 27,350 pounds of which 22,570 pounds were red snapper and 4,780 pounds grouper.

The six vessels coming to the Warren Fish Co. had a combined catch of 104,445 pounds, of which \$1,525 pounds were red snapper and 22,920 pounds grouper. The largest fare of a Warren boat was 28,220 pounds.

Following are the vessels' names and weights of fish landed:

E. E. Saunders & Co.—Albert Geiger, 11,200 snappers, 1,565 groupers; Cavalier, 22,505 snappers; Ida S. Brooks, 8,240 snappers, 1,800 groupers; Lettie G. Howard, 9,510 snappers, 2,495 groupers; John M. Keene, 12,290 snappers, 2,925 groupers; Lottie A. Haskins, 9,065 snappers, 1,975 groupers; Favorite, 7,620 snappers, 440 groupers; Maud F. Silva, 22,570 snappers, 4,780 groupers; Wallace A. McDonald, 5,989 snappers, 1,185 groupers.

Warren Fish Co.—Silas Stearns, 7,940 snappers, 4,755 groupers; Chicopee, 12,395 snappers, 3,730 groupers; C. H. Colt, 12,395 snappers, 4,500 groupers; William A. Morse 21,160 snappers, 7,060 groupers; Osceola, 5,635 snappers, 1,025 groupers; Rena A. Percy, 22,000 snappers, 1,850 groupers.

**SENECA TO GO  
ON ICE PATROL**

The revenue cutter Seneca, will go to the Brooklyn Naval yard to fit out for duty on the ice patrol on the Newfoundland banks. The revenue cutter Miami, it is said will co-operate with the Seneca this year as during the past two seasons.

The Seneca at present is acting as guard ship in the New York Narrows enforcing the neutrality laws. Under present arrangements all vessels which have cleared properly at the Customs House, in other words, vessels which have received clearance papers, are

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reported to the Seneca, and such vessels on proceeding down the upper New York harbor are required to show their signal numbers as they approach the Narrows. The Seneca on verifying the number signalled with the name of the ship as furnished by the Custom House, signals "Proceed."

Two torpedo boat destroyers of the navy now are doing duty jointly with the Seneca. One destroyer lies off Gravesend Bay. An attempt to push by the guard ship would be met promptly by pursuit from the destroyers, which lie with steam up.

The Seneca, it is understood, will use Halifax as a base this year the same as during last season and the ice patrol is expected to continue from early in February to the last of June.

Under international arrangement the expense of the ice patrol is borne by the several European nations having steamship lines plying between Europe and the United States, and the United States Government undertakes to furnish the necessary vessels. Germany has borne part of the expense heretofore, it is said, but it is not known what action the German authorities will take in view of the war conditions. It was intended that the Seneca should take permanent station at Halifax and the Miami at the Azores, but the arrangement was suspended last fall, it is said, in consequence of the war.

**Big Load of Fish.**

The S. S. Aspy arrived in Sydney Monday with a big load of fish from the north for the eastern state market. There are said to be about seven cars of this sea product ready for immediate delivery.

**Wants Lobster Station.**

Representative Hinds of Maine has returned to Congress from the house committee on fisheries a favorable report on the bill for a lobster rearing station. It will be on the Maine coast. An appropriation of \$35,000 is asked.

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**Portland Fish Notes.**

Although the sch. Hockomock arrived in Portland harbor Wednesday with 14,000 pounds of mixed fish in her holds, the local fish dealers along the waterfront did not benefit thereby, as Capt. Smith did not deem it expedient to sell his fish then. He preferred to wait until yesterday morning, thinking that he would get more for the schooner's fare. The only other arrival Wednesday was the sch. Dixie with about 5000. The majority of the local fishing fleet sailed for the banks Wednesday, but some of them returned, stating that there was a heavy wind blowing outside.

**Catching Lemon Sole.**

The flounder dredgers at Provincetown have been taking some lemon sole recently. Capt. Andrew Mead landed 15 barrels one day recently and 12 barrels another day, and Capt. Patrick Shea, 20 barrels in one day.

**Bringing Herring.**

S. Assurance from Bay of Islands, N. F., with a cargo of herring, cleared from Lunenburg, N. S., for Gloucester Tuesday.

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**DULL MUSIC AT  
NEW FISH PIER**

The "big noise" at the Boston fish pier this morning was sch. Laverna with a 123,000 pound fare. Other arrivals were schs. Frances J. O'Hara, Jr., 29,000 pounds fresh fish and 1000 pounds halibut; Virginia, 38,000 pounds; Robert and Arthur, 34,000 pounds; Reading, 23,000 pounds.

The beam trawlers Ripple and Spray were also in, each having small fares.

Wholesalers paid \$1.75 to \$3.25 a hundred pounds for haddock, \$3 for large and \$1.75 to \$2 for market cod, \$2 to \$4 for hake and \$2 to \$2.25 for pollock.

**Boston Arrivals and Receipts.**

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

Sch. Virginia, 35,000 haddock, 3000 cod.

Str. Ripple, 20,000 haddock, 2800 cod.

Str. Spray, 20,000 haddock, 1000 cod.

Sch. Francis J. O. Hara, Jr., 16,000 haddock, 13,000 cod, 1000 halibut.

Sch. Laverna, 8000 haddock, 115,000 cod.

Sch. Robert and Arthur, 16,000 haddock, 18,000 cod.

Sch. Matthew S. Greer, 9000 haddock, 2500 cod, 1500 pollock.

Sch. Reading, 20,000 haddock, 3300 cod.

Haddock, \$1.75 to \$3.25 per cwt.; large cod, \$3; market cod, \$1.75 to \$2; hake, \$2 to \$4; pollock, \$2 to \$2.25.

**11 OF HERRING  
FLEET TO COME**

Eleven more of the Newfoundland herring fleet remain to come. Six of them are on their first trip, while the other five are on the second trip. Due from the first trip are schs. hemia, Oriole, Senator Gardner, nes, Clintonia and British scho. Artisan. Those on the second trip schs. Athlete, J. J. Flaherty, Max Elliott, Arkona and Aloha.

Newfoundland herring receipts this port to date are 3635 barrels pickled herring, 32,322 barrels of bulk herring and 3605 barrels and 30,000 pounds of frozen herring.

The herring fleet, comprising 12 vessels, was awaiting yesterday at B of Islands the first favorable wind to leave the North Arm. The herring continue to run plentifully, but as though some of the schooners are only partly loaded, they do not care to run the risk of being caught by the heavy ice in the Gulf of St. Lawrence by remaining in the bay any longer. A heavy ice pack was reported yesterday from Parsons Pond to be moving west.